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Background

Section 3201 of the Seattle Building Code gives the Director of Transportation and the Director of the Department of Planning and Development authority to review encroachments of buildings and structures on, over or under sidewalks, streets and other public property. The Street Use Code, Title 15 of the Seattle Municipal Code, provides specific regulations for encroachments of marquees, awnings and canopies into public property. This Rule coordinates the Building Code and Street Use Code provisions as they relate to mechanical equipment on public property.

Rule

Mechanical equipment shall not extend over any public place closer than to within two feet (2') of the curbline.

The lowest point of any part of any mechanical equipment located in a public place shall be at least eight feet, or 16 feet if in an alley, from the surface over which it is constructed, unless an exception to that requirement is approved by the Director of Transportation after a showing that traffic considerations have been satisfied.

No mechanical equipment shall be constructed at a location or in a manner which will obstruct, obscure, or interfere with any streetlight or with any utility pole or with any publicly maintained street tree.

For purposes of this rule, "public place" means streets, avenues, ways, boulevards, drives, places, alleys, sidewalks, and planting (parking) strips, squares, triangles and right-of-way for public use and the space above or beneath its surface, whether or not opened or improved.